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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, SUPERVISING
THERAPISTS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)
BRANCH STAFF, AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE CALL REGARDING NEW PROCESS FOR
AUTHORIZATION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

During this time of fiscal constraint, the California Children's Services (CCS) Program must continue to provide quality medical services needed by our clients and also contain costs. Services are being reviewed to determine where expenditures may be lowered without compromising the quality of care.

One costly service is durable medical equipment (DME). New procedures for DME authorization and claiming are being developed. A conference call has been scheduled to provide information regarding these new procedures. The information for the conference call is as follows:

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2004
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Telephone Number: 1-866-836-0679
Passcode: 784238
Leader: Arlene Warren

Since available telephone lines are limited, county CCS programs are asked to please use only one line per county. If too many individuals dial into the call, access may be denied to some local program staff. There will be a roll call during the first few minutes of the call. During the call, please remember to place your phone on mute to avoid background noise unless you are speaking.

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An agenda and draft numbered letter will be sent via email to CCS county administrators in preparation for the conference call.

If you have any questions about the logistics of the call, please contact Ken Leach, at (916) 323-8011 or email, at kleach@dhs.ca.gov.

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